

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 671

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A RESOLUTION to create a Fee Schedule Study Commission to study fees regulated and collected by the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Tennessee, like many states during this time of economic uncertainty, should take diligent care to investigate the actual cost of state services and review those fees currently charged; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee charges fees across a broad spectrum of areas including court and legal activities, motor vehicles licenses, and hunting and fishing licenses; and

WHEREAS, a thorough review of such fees is in order to determine the best course of action for the financial future of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that there is created a Fee Schedule Study Commission composed of seven (7) members to be appointed as follows: three (3) members to be appointed by the Governor, two (2) members to be appointed by the Speaker of the Senate, and two (2) members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the commission is authorized to employ such staff as is necessary, subject to funding being provided in the general appropriations act. The commission may also call upon other state governmental departments and entities for any necessary assistance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the commission will study and review all fees currently charged by the State of Tennessee including the actual cost of such service(s), adequacy of the fee(s) amount, and the appropriate method to increase or decrease the fee(s)

including the utilization of a cost of living adjustment by the possible establishment of an escalator provision to adjust the fee(s) on an annual basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the commission shall report its preliminary findings together with any proposed legislation to the Governor, the Clerk of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of the One Hundred Fourth General Assembly by February 1, 2005. The commission shall remain in existence and continue to meet until February 1, 2006, at which time the commission shall issue a final report together with any proposed legislation and shall cease to exist.